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1. MAJOR DANISH DAILIES TODAY FEATURED ARTICLES AND PHOTOS OF
YESTERDAY'S FRIENDSHIP FORCE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. UNDER THE HEADING QUOTE "A CHEEFUL LADY SAYS GOODBYE AND THANK
YOU TO COPENHAGEN", UNQUOTE. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT
COSERVATIVE), THE LARGEST CIRCULATION DAILY, DESCRIBED MRS
CARTER AS QUOTE A CHARMING, QUICK-WITTED, AND LIVELY ELDERLY
LADY UNQUOTE AND QUOTED HER RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF WHETHER SHE
HAS BEEN IN TOUCH BY PHONE WITH HER SON DURING HER VISIT HERE
QUOTE "THE PRESIDENT, OH YES, JIMMY? YES, AND HE SAID, AS USUAL
TO ME THAT I SHOULD BEHAVE MYSELF. HE ALSWAYS SAYS THAT WHEN I
AM OUT BY MYSELF. HE SAYS HE IS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I MIGHT
COME UP WITH UNQUOTE. THE ARTICLE SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN
SUCH A SUCCESS THAT THE TOUR LEADERS WERE AFRAID THAT SOME OF
THE AMERICAN GUESTS MIGHT BE MISSING FROM TODAY'S RETURN FLIGHT.

3. AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT) REPORTED THAT QUOTE SKAL AND A
THOUSAND THANKS ARE THE DANISH WORDS PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOTHER
CAN TAKE BACK TO THE US TO TEACH HER SON JIMMY UNQUOTE. THE
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ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONED MRS CARTER'S OPINION THAT DENMARK IS A
FRIENDLY AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH GOOD FOOD, QUOTE I HAVE BEEN
PUTTING ON WEIGHT EVERY DAY SAID MISS LILLIAN UNQUOTE.

4. POLITIKEN (LEFT OF CENTER) MENTIONED MRS CARTER'S IMPRESSIONS
OF DENMARK QUOTE "DENMARK IS A VERY FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND I REALLY
FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE ROYALTY. I'VE HAD SO MUCH

DELICIOUS FOOD...AND I ADORE YOUR LOVELY OLD HOUSES ALONG THE
CANALS IN COPENHAGEN. UNQUOTE. THE POLITIKEN CLOSES WITH MRS
CARTER'S COMMENT ON THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE EXCHNAGE PROGRAM, QUOTE
IT IS A GOOD FORM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSS. UNQUOTE.

5. THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE WESTCHESTER GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
COPENHAGEN TODAY AT 1500. WE WILL REPORT ON MEDIA COVERAGE AS IT
CONTINUES TO APPEAR AFTER GROUP'S DEPARTURE.
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